

Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A

Present: Larry Neal/Chairman, Alan MacMillan, Charlie Allen, Rob Claypool, MaryAnn Lash, David McKinnon/Associate Member, Member Bailey Coates/Student Member, Andrea Nichols/Secretary, GERALYN Falco/Conservation Agent. The Rockport Conservation Commission (RCC) is a five member volunteer board. Five voting members are present.

Absent: Mel Michaels/Associate Member

Citizen Inquiries:

Tim Olson, DPW - requests waiver of 50' No Build Zone to resurface tennis court & replace fence within 100' (>50') of intermittent stream at Pingree Park; also wants to put in rock swale on western side of court to keep runoff from undermining court surface at southwest corner; shows drainage pipes under and around court. RCC concerns are: neighbor across street complained of sediment in stream; water running down hillside to south; requests rough estimate of stone swale (DPW says 120' by 4') ; agrees that swale is >100' from stream Chairman Neal moves to allow DPW to resurface tennis court & replace fence in existing footprint; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

Stewardship

Beavers at Loop Pond – Mr. McKinnon has met with Gary LeBlanc (DPW) at Loop Pond; DPW is willing to pay Beaver Solutions for flow device at Loop Pond. RCC asks if Beaver Solutions will waive \$200 fee if DPW hires them to build device; if RCC pays assessment fee, it will have to go to BOS and will take time.

Minutes.

04/01/15: Mr. MacMillan moves to approve minutes as written; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 5:0.

Continued Hearings

NOI 62-0707, Stephanie Connaughton, 3 & 5 Old Garden Road (Map 22/Lots 151 & 152).

Construct addition to house and improve grounds within 100' of coastal bank, coastal beach & rocky intertidal shore. Scott Cameron (The Morin-Cameron Group, Inc.) is present for applicant and discusses issues from last meeting and site visit. Bill Manuell (Wetland & Land Management, Inc.) discusses mitigation and native plantings around sites. Gregory Tuzzolo (Stephen Simon Associates) says that bittersweet will be removed and keep privet along public walkway. *Susan Morris 10 Babcock Road* -is concerned about concrete near ocean; reports that septic truck flushed window wells and discharged water over wall/onto beach; asks what happens if plans change. RCC comments are: why wooden deck is not feasible here (Mr. Cameron says deck to be cement for stability and lower maintenance purposes); plants survival along coast is trial and error; wall at coastal bank is discussed (swale behind & drains through); drains proposed through seawall only on #5 where water collects behind it; different mowing regime for lawn vs gardens; suggests monument (plaque) with statement that there are bio-swale and rain gardens to be maintained. *Rollyn Hoffman, 8 Babcock Road* – is concerned about safety of fieldstone wall at #3. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 5:0. **Hearing is closed.**

Applicant agrees to allow RCC to issue OC after its next meeting (more than 21 days from closed hearing). The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.

NOI 62-0708, Charles Tarbell, 24 Old County Road (Map 21/Lot 60D). *Renovate existing pier foundation and add 2nd story addition to cottage on a barrier beach and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.* Nobody is present for applicant and DEP number has been issued. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 5:0. **Hearing is closed. The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

Review Orders of Condition

NOI 62-0706, Five Gully Point Nominee Trust (Samuel Smart, Trustee), 5 Gully Point Road (Map 26/Lot 71). Mr. MacMillan moves to issue OC as amended; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote 5:0.

NOI 62-0708, Charles Tarbell, 24 Old County Road (Map 21/Lot 60D). Mr. Claypool moves to issue OC as amended; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote: 5:0.

Other Business

- Bryant properties off Lanes Farm Way – Mrs. Lash recuses herself from discussion due to conflict of interest. Paul Bryant to put Conservation Restriction on 20+ acres of farm land; had appraisal done; Essex County Greenbelt is working with him but is not available tonight; will come to next meeting to discuss this issue.
- Reminder: Earth Day is Saturday April 25, 2015 (8 am–11 am)
- Other Business/Announcements: Chairman Neal moves to add following discussion items to agenda, Mr. MacMillan seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mr. Claypool, Mrs. Lash, Chairman Neal
 - **Certificate of Compliance (DEP 62-0670), DPW, Rockport Harbor (wooden piles).** Mr. Claypool moves to issue CoC; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.
 - Kiosk at Waring Field & Thomas Road – Chairman Neal reviewed deed to Waring Field and found town has rights to it; kiosk should not go on road right-of-way but on Waring Field; suggests kiosk be smaller.

Mr. Claypool moves to adjourn meeting; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 5:0.

9:01 PM

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